



SAC AND FOX TRIBE OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN IOWA

Resolution No. 33 - 2016

DESIGNATE AND ESTABLISH TRIBAL WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki Nation) is a federally recognized Tribe organized in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378), under a Constitution and Bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on December 20, 1937, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa provides that the governing body of the Tribe is the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, Article X of the Constitution authorizes and directs that the Tribal Council of the Tribe shall be responsible for the general welfare, health, and education of the Tribe, and its lands; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 1 (e), (j) and (k) provides that the Tribal Council has the authority to protect and preserve the property and natural resources of the Tribe; to regulate the use and disposition of property to protect the general welfare of the Tribe; and to receive, appropriate and expend for public purposes funds coming within the control of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a compelling government interest to exercise its confirmed inherent sovereignty to regulate all matters pertaining to Tribal Lands, and other natural resources of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to promote the protection and preservation of its water resources through proper management for the use of its members and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to formally designate and establish Tribal Water Quality Standards within the exterior boundaries of the Meskwaki Settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council approves the action of the Meskwaki Natural Resources Department seeking Tribal Water Quality Standards for the protection of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa Tribal waters. The provisions for these water quality standards shall apply to all surface waters within the exterior boundaries of the Meskwaki Settlement, that are within the State of Iowa. The Tribe notes that waters upstream of the Meskwaki Settlement can affect the waters of the Meskwaki Settlement. It is the Tribe's intent that these Tribal Water Quality Standards be applied to the fullest extent of the Tribe's

regulatory and adjudicatory jurisdiction, and to protect the waters of the Meskwaki Settlement from any impacts, regardless of the location of the source(s) of those impacts.

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article X, Sections 1(e) and (k) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, ratified by the Tribe on November 13, 1937, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 13, 1937, the foregoing Resolution No. **33-2016** was adopted on this **14th** day of **December, 2016**, at a Tribal Council Meeting held at the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa Settlement, at which a quorum of **7** members were present and **0** were absent by a vote of **6** for and **0** opposed and **0** abstained and **1** chair not voting.



Troy Wanatee, Tribal Council Chairman



Jason Davenport, Tribal Council Secretary